



# Newsletter

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## Verse of the Month: Matthew 5:17

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill"

## Focus on Mission

**Dec. 29**— MCC School Kits (Sally)

**Jan. 5**— Immigration: "Push" Factors (John)

**Jan. 12**—Martin Luther King (Tom)

**Jan. 19**—Hispanic Church Plant (Byron Pellecer)

**Jan. 26**— Sunflower Community Action: Legislative Agenda

## Movie Night January 19: *Harvest of Empire* 7:30 p.m.

The Immigration Servant Group is sponsoring the showing of "Harvest of Empire," a DVD that unveils a moving human story, largely unknown to the great majority of citizens in the U.S. The film is a feature-length documentary that reveals the direct connection between the long history of U.S. intervention in Latin America and the immigration crisis we face today. The movie will be shown on a big screen at the MCS church building.



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**Worship: Sundays, 10:00 a.m**



## December Worship

**Theme: "Oh, the Mystery of God's Dwelling"**

**December 24, 7:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve)** - Lectionary  
Texts: Is. 9:2-7, Ps 96, Titus 2:11-14, Lk. 2:1-14  
Worship Leader: Lois

**December 29**—Lectionary Texts: Is.63:7-9, Ps 148, Heb.2:13-18, Matt. 2:13-23  
Worship Leader: Doug/Testimonials. Healing Prayer

## January Worship

**January 5 (Epiphany Sunday)** - Worship Leader: Doug;  
Teaching: Lois; Communion. Potluck following service

**January 12**— Text: Matthew 4:12-23; Worship Leader: Doreen; Teaching: Pat

**January 19**— Worship Leader: Doug; Teaching: Byron Pellecer/ Church Life

**January 26**— Text: Matthew 5:21-26; Worship Leader: Vangie; Teaching: Pat; Healing Prayer

## More and More

More and more I see beauty  
In this world that God has made;  
The awesomeness of Nature  
Is more than mere words can say.  
More and more I see beauty  
Inside every person's heart;  
The goodness of God shines through  
IN the kindness they impart.  
More and more I see beauty  
In the priceless gift of life;  
Knowing God personally,  
Through His dear Son, Jesus Christ. More and  
more I see beauty  
Inside every person's heart;

- Michael Schumacher

(Submitted by Jenny Hurd)

## Connecting With Our Neighborhood: An Invitation

The Mission and Service Committee has come up with some ideas for establishing relationships with the people in the neighborhood around our building. These ideas will be presented to the Church Council and then to the January Church Life meeting. If you are interested in helping with neighborhood outreach, contact Tom Ewert.

## Mennonite Disaster Service Featured in New Book

Brenda Phillips, PhD, Associate Dean at Ohio University has published a new book titled "Mennonite Disaster Service--Building a Therapeutic Community after the Golf Coast Storms". All the royalties from this book are being donated to MDS. To order a book at a discount call the MDS office or visit the website. This book has been described as an "academic study and story--a truly engaging one--of people helping people in a very special way. This is a close up view of those who experienced the destructions of Hurricanes Rita, Katerina and Ike and those from MDS who came to help. Together they built a classic therapeutic community. This book is a valuable resource for everyone who wants to understand and appreciate the giving and receiving in disaster recovery."

Sally

## "Fremont USA"

Global Faith in Action is bringing the showing of "Fremont USA" to the CAC Theater on the WSU campus on Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. The film offers a glimpse of religious diversity on the local level: Fremont, California, a city transformed by new immigration in which strangers have become neighbors. But when a Muslim woman is murdered on a Fremont street, some wonder if it is a hate crime. The film shows how the community responded. For information, contact Jonathan Flesher at 316-305-3535 or [jonathan@globalfaithinaction.org](mailto:jonathan@globalfaithinaction.org)

## Everence

Everence provides matching grants for many of our sharing fund expenditures by 50%. The sharing fund is a partnership between Everence and local congregations. For Everence this is part of fulfilling the corporate mission to help us integrate our finances and our faith.

The money comes from people who care. The sharing fund receives money from three sources: from those of us who buy Everence products or services, Everence's corporate tithing, and tax-deductible contributions from people who want to help others. Considering the way the economy is today and the number of people in need, this is one of our greatest missions and one of our greatest assets. To find out more, talk to me or go to [Everence.com](http://Everence.com) to check it out.

If your family uses Everence products, you may apply for a college scholarship for next year. Everence wants to help you make full use of your God-given talents. Applications are due February 28, 2014. Learn more at [Everence.com/scholarships](http://Everence.com/scholarships).

Thank you

Sally



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                     | TUESDAY                             | WEDNESDAY               | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                             |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Dec. 22<br>10:00<br>Worship  | 23   | 24 7:00<br>Christmas<br>Eve Service | 25 Christmas<br>Day     | 26   | 27   | 28                                   |
| 29<br>10:00<br>Worship   | 30   | 31                                  | Jan 1 New<br>Year's Day | 2  | 3 5:45 Shep-<br>herds (Lois'<br>house)           | 4                                    |
| 5<br>9:00 Chil-<br>dren's SS<br>10:00<br>Worship/<br>Potluck         | 6 7:30 Immi-<br>gration Serv-<br>ant Group | 7                                   | 8                       | 9  | 10   | 11                                   |
| 12<br>9:00 Chil-<br>dren's SS<br>10:00<br>Worship                    | 13   | 14 7:30 Wor-<br>ship Commit-<br>tee | 15                      | 16 9:30 a.m.<br>Mission &<br>Service Com-<br>mittee.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Church Coun-<br>cil | 17 7:30 Film<br>Night:<br>"Harvest of<br>Empire" | 18 9:00 MLK<br>Breakfast &<br>Parade |
| 19<br>9:00 Chil-<br>dren's SS<br>10:00<br>Worship/<br>Church<br>Life | 20 Martin<br>Luther King,<br>Jr. Day       | 21                                  | 22                      | 23   | 24   | 25                                   |
| 26 9:00<br>Children's<br>SS<br>10:00<br>Worship                      | 27   | 28                                  | 29                      | 30   | 31   |                                      |

All calendar items are at the MCS building unless otherwise indicated. To put an item on the calendar, contact Jerry Truex.